

XXVI.—*A new Species of Mellivora from Somaliland.*

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THE classification of specimens of *Mellivora* from S.W. Persia necessitated the survey of all material of this genus in the National Collection. It then became evident that certain specimens from Somaliland possessed characters differing from those of other African species of *Mellivora*, more especially from the two nearest named species, *Mellivora abyssinica*, Hollister, and *Mellivora sagulata*, Hollister.

*Mellivora brockmani*, sp. n.

A *Mellivora* having the grey of the mantle much lighter than that of *M. abyssinica*, with white marginal line of mantle 18 mm. broad and very distinct, and lacking the ochraceous colour of the mantle of *M. sagulata*. General colour black, with iron-grey mantle from between the eyes to half the length of the tail; mantle bordered with a clearly defined white marginal line.

The hairs of the mantle are entirely white and entirely black, mixed in a proportion to give a general colour of grey. Towards the margin the black hairs are absent, forming the white marginal line. Length of hairs about 26 mm. on the centre of the back.

*Dimensions of the type*:—Head and body 687 mm.; tail 220; hind foot 118; ear 35.

Skull: condylo-basal length 128; palatilar length (broken); interorbital width 34; length of carnassial 15.5; length of upper tooth-row behind canine 31.

*Hab.* N. Somaliland. Type from Upper Sheikh, Somaliland. Alt. 4300 ft.

Another specimen from Gorahai, Somaliland (*Capt. H. N. Dunn*).

*Type.* Adult male. B.M. no. 10. 10. 3. 10. Original number 268. Collected 11th January, 1910, by Dr. R. E. Drake-Brockman, and presented by him to the British Museum.

This species has been named in honour of Dr. R. E. Drake-Brockman.